

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE**

Application Serial No. 10/800,740  
Applicant: Apotex Pharmachem Inc.  
(formerly Brantford  
Chemicals Inc.)  
Title: Process for the Preparation  
of Torsemide and Related  
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**VOLUNTARY AMENDMENT  
TO RESPONSE OF DECEMBER 10, 2004**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Applicants respectfully request that the following submissions be entered as a Voluntary Amendment to the Response dated December 10, 2004.